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GENEVA FOR MEPC DEL

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: SECVISIT - QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

AFTER SECRETARY KISSINGER'S STATEMENT

AT FINAL SADAT/KISSINGER MEETING, MAY 30.

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Q. WHEN DO YOU EXPECT PRESIDENT NIXON TO BE HERE?

A. I THINK THAT STATEMENT HAS TO BE MADE AFTER I RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

PRESIDENT SADAT WAS ASKED A QUESTION IN ARABIC ABOUT THE PALESTINIANS' PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA.

PRESIDENT SADAT SAID IN EFFECT THAT THIS WAS NOT THE TIME

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TO DISCUSS IT.

Q. DO YOU EXPECT RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SYRIA AND OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES?

A. AT THE AIRPORT IN DAMASCUS MONDAY NIGHT BY AGREEMENT WITH THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT, I STATED THAT SYRIA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE AGREED TO ENGAGE IN RAPID IMPROVEMENT OF THEIR RELATIONSHIPS. THIS PROCESS WILL START IMMEDIATELY. I DO NOT WANT TO SPECULATE WHAT PARTICULAR FORM IT WILL TAKE; (GARBLED) BUT WE CAN BE CERTAIN THAT OUR RELATIONS WITH SYRIA WILL IMPROVE RAPIDLY. I KNOW I SPEAK FOR THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT AS WELL WHEN I SAY THIS.

Q. MR. PRESIDENT, WHEN DO YOU EXPECT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE TO MEET?

A. AS I TOLD YOU PERFECTLY CLEARLY THAT WE MUST DISCUSS THE WHOLE THING AMONG OURSELVES ...THE EGYPTIANS, THE SYRIANS, THE JORDANIANS, THE PALESTINIANS, WE MUST HAVE SOME TIME TO DISCUSS THIS AND AFTER THAT WE SHALL APPROACH THE TWO SUPERPOWERS. FOR THE CONVENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, WEEKS OR MONTHS, HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE US TO ARRANGE EVERYTHING, I DON'T KNOW.

Q. THE NEXT STEP WILL BE THE FULFILLMENT OF THE RESOLUTION 242 OR ANY OTHER STEPS? WILL IT BE ONE OR SEVERAL STEPS?

A. SURE THE AIM OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE IS THE 242; THIS IS A FACT.

Q. DR. KISSINGER, DO YOU THINK YOU WILL HAVE TIME TO FINISH THE SETTLEMENT BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF THE TERM OF PRESIDENT NIXON?

A. AS I POINTED OUT WE ARE COMMITTED TO A MAJOR EFFORT TO BRING A JUST AND LASTING PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST. WE WILL CONTINUE THIS EFFORT DURING THE PRESIDENT'S TERM

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